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SERIAL NO.: 10/754,919)
FILED: January 10, 2004) Examiner: Not Assigned
FOR: TEMPORARY ABSORBABLE VENOUS)
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METHOD)

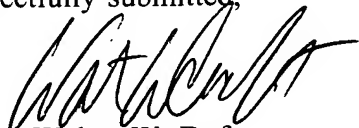
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Applicant hereby petitions to make special the subject application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.102 and on the grounds set forth in MPEP §708.02, paragraph IV, entitled "APPLICANT'S AGE." In particular, Syde A. Taheri, the named inventor, is over sixty-five (65) years of age as set forth in the attached Verified Statement. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.102 (c), no petition fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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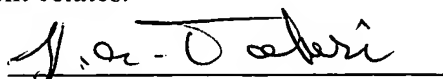
VERIFIED STATEMENT

I, Syde A. Taheri, hereby declare:

1. I am the inventor named in the above-referenced patent application.
2. I am more than sixty-five years of age. In particular, I was born on July 1, 1926 and I am presently seventy-seven (77) years old.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like may be punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon to which this Statement relates.

Date: March 19, 2004

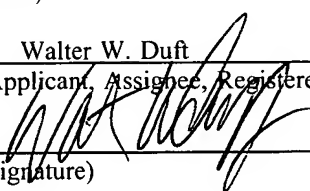

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